# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SCHEME
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether the Government has prescribed certain parameters for the selection of states under Integrated child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said scheme has been successful in achieving its objectives;

(d) if so, the details of achievements during each of the last three years, State-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented by all the States and Union Territory Administrations.

(c) ICDS Scheme was introduced with the objectives of improving nutritional and health status of children and women in the targeted groups. Various Surveys reveal that the scheme has had an impact in reducing the incidence of mortality and malnutrition level. As per Sample Registration System (SRS), Infant Mortality Rate has declined from 110 in 1981 to 58 per thousand live births in 2004. Similarly, Under-5 mortality has declined from 161 in 1983 to 77 per thousand lives in 2003. As per the findings of National Family Health Survey (NFHS), the level of malnutrition amongst children below 3 years has declined from 53% in 1992-93 to 46% in 2005-06.

(d) There has been significant progress in the implementation of ICDS Scheme during the last three years both, in terms of increase in number of sanctioned projects and Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and coverage of beneficiaries. During the period of three years from 31.3.2005, the number of sanctioned Projects and AWCs has increased from 5671 and 7.64 lakh to 6284 and 10.53 lakh, respectively, as on 30.6.2007. Similarly, the number of beneficiaries for Supplementary Nutrition have increased from 484.42 lakh to 736.80 lakh (52% increase) and the number of children (3-6 Years) attending Anganwadi Centres for pre-school education has increased from 218.41 lakh to 314.92 lakh during the same period ( 44 % increase). State-wise details of sanctioned Projects and Anganwadi Centres and the number of beneficiaries under the ICDS Scheme during the last three years are given in the Statements at Annex I & II respectively.